IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method of selecting among a plurality of alert conditions for processing with a resource management system, the method comprising:

associating a priority indication with at least some physical resources in a computer system;

identifying the physical resources associated with the plurality of alert conditions; and

selecting an alert condition from among the plurality of alert conditions based on the priority indication associated with the identified physical resources.

2. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein associating [[a]] the priority indication with at least some physical resources comprises prioritizing at least some of the physical resources relative to each other.

3. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein associating [[a]] the priority indication with at least some physical resources comprises prioritizing at least some of the physical resources based on their importance to operation of a business.

4. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein associating [[a]] the priority indication with at least some physical resources comprises prioritizing at least some of the physical resources based on an affect of their failure on other resources in the computer system.

5. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein associating [[a]] the priority indication with at least some physical resources comprises assigning a priority indication based on whether a physical resource is a server of information for predetermined computers in the computer system.

6.   (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein associating [[a]] the priority indication with at least some physical resources comprises assigning a priority indication based on whether a physical resource is a server of information for predetermined software applications in the computer system.

7.   (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein associating [[a]] the priority indication with at least some physical resources comprises assigning a priority indication based on whether a physical resource is a predetermined server of information in the computer system.

8.   (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein associating [[a]] the priority indication with at least some physical resources comprises assigning a priority indication based on the physical resources' current placement in a computer system that is dynamically configured and provisioned to handle on-demand needs.

9.   (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising determining when a threshold metric associated with at least some of the plurality of alert conditions has been satisfied, wherein the selecting an the alert condition from among the plurality of alert conditions based on the priority indication associated with the identified physical resources is carried out responsive to the determination that the threshold metric has been satisfied.

10.   (currently amended) The method of Claim 9, wherein determining when a threshold metric associated with at least some of the plurality of alert conditions has been satisfied comprises determining when a number of queued alert conditions for the resource management system satisfies a threshold number.

11.   (currently amended) The method of Claim 9, wherein determining when a threshold metric associated with at least some of the plurality of alert conditions has been satisfied comprises determining when a waiting time for alert conditions to be handled by the resource management system satisfies a threshold time.

12.   (currently amended) The method of Claim 9, wherein determining when a threshold metric associated with at least some of the plurality of alert conditions has been satisfied comprises determining when a threshold rate of alert conditions are received for the resource

management system.

13.   (currently amended) A computer system comprising:

a plurality of physical resources; and

a resource management system that is configured to associate a priority indication with at least some of the physical resources, that is configured to identify the physical resources associated with a plurality of alert conditions, and that is configured to select an alert condition from among the plurality of alert conditions based on the priority indication associated with the identified physical resources.

14.   (original) The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the resource management system is configured to notify a user of the selected alert condition.

15.   (original) The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the resource management system is configured to initiate a corrective action based on the selected alert condition.

16.   (currently amended) The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the resource management system is configured to receive the plurality of alert conditions from at least some of the physical resources.

17.   (currently amended) The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the resource management system is configured to monitor at least one metric associated with at least some of the physical resources and to generate the plurality of alert conditions based on the monitored metric.

18.   (currently amended) A computer program product for selecting among a plurality of alert conditions for processing by a resource monitoring system, comprising:

a tangible computer readable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein, the computer readable program code comprising:

computer readable program code that is configured to associate a priority indication with at least some physical resources in a computer system;

computer readable program code that is configured to identify the at least some physical resources associated with the plurality of alert conditions; and

computer readable program code that is configured to select an alert condition from among the plurality of alert conditions based on the priority indication associated with the identified physical resources.

19.   (currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 18, further comprising program code that is configured to initiate a corrective action based on the selected alert condition from among the plurality of alert conditions.

20.   (original) The computer program product of Claim 18, further comprising program code that is configured to display the selected alert condition to a user.